

PATENT CASE: DX01136K

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**-----X  
In re Application of: Smith & Zlotnik

: Examiner: Christopher J. Nichols

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For: Uses of Mammalian Genes and  
Related Reagents : :  
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: Group Art Unit: 1647

Serial No.: 09/920,318 :  
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This is in response to the Office Action (Paper #15; Confirmation No. 5031) dated July 7, 2003, in the above-identified application, for which a response is due October 7, 2003.

Applicants do not believe that any fee is due in connection with this filing. If Applicants are mistaken however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0365.